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Block Quotes

Tuesday, June 12, 2007

-- Under the title "Where, When, and How?" Adel Al-Tukhaim commented in progressive Arabic daily Al-Qabas (06/12):

"No one questions the capability of the United States and Israel in directing a painful strike to Iran. But, the absence of clear answers about the nature of the Iranian reaction may be the reason for delaying or calling off such an operation. These questions center on where, when, how Iran will react. America and Israel know that Iran is not like Iraq."

-- "Iran Will Attack Gulf States" was the title under which Dr. Bassam Al-Shatti inquired in Alam Al-Yawm, one of three recently-issued newspapers (06/12):

"When will Iran stop interfering in the domestic affairs of Gulf countries and threatening us? Does this not justify a reconsideration of our relations with Iran?"

-- Liberal Saleh Al-Shayji inquired in moderate Arabic daily Al-Anbaa under the title "Iranian Islam" (06/12):

"Are Gulf States not Muslims? Does Iranian Islam allow Iran to attack peaceful Muslims in their homelands? Or, does Iran wish to pit Persians against Arabs?"

-- "Shamkhani's Empty Accusations and the Dualism of Iranian Rhetoric" was the title under which liberal Nasser Al-Otaibi wrote:

"The world has had enough of Ahmadinejad's stupid acts and the double-sided and contradictory nature of Iran's political rhetoric. As we have stated in the past: 'the regime should spare the Iranian people the horrors of war and destruction by embracing moderation and logic and distancing itself from imprudent and barbarian rhetoric.'"

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